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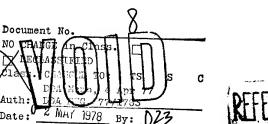
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It is reported that the garrison at Harar, Ethiopia, was increased from 300 to 500 men in the midle of March 1948. This move was prompted by the recent desind on the part of the Harraris for independence.

- 320 2. A battalion of the Imperial Ethiopian Arm: 300 or 400 men, was sent to Diredaua during the same perici as a reinforcement to assist regular units in the end of increased activity on the part of Somalis or groups with suck local
 - During the period 8 22 March small units o' 10 or 12 former Patriots and Territorial Army soldier: have been leaving Addis Ababa overland for the Ogaden va Diredaua. On one occasion, the Emperor and the Crown Prince reviewed such a unit from the balcony of the Imperial Mace and gave them the Imperial bleasing. These units any be planned as guerrilla units to be stationed along the tribal borders of the Somali and Galla people.



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